

P. Congreve (1985 Reptiles recorded from the vicinity of Eyre Bird Observatory, *Eyre Bird Observatory Report* 1981 - 1983; 3: 125-128) mentions two other taxa which were collected after the publication of Storr *et al.* (*supra cit.*): namely *Ctenotus uber uber* (Scincidae) and *Chelonia mydas* (Cheloniidae).

These records bring the perpetofauna of the region covered by Storr *et al.* to 11 families, 37 genera and 74 species and subspecies.

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First Record of a Gould's Petrel *Pterodroma leucoptera* (Gould) in Western Australia - On 10 December 1990 Mr and Mrs G. Goodreid, Wardens of the Eyre Bird Observatory, found a small dead and partly eaten petrel near Eyre, Western Australia. The bird was donated to the Western Australian Museum where it was prepared into a inummified specimen (registered number A23837) and identified as *Pterodroma leucoptera*.

Details of the specimen are as follows: total length 290mm; exposed culmen 26.0 mm; entire culmen 36.0 mm; culmen width 8.4 mm; wing 220 mm; tail 99 mm; tarsus 29 mm; middle toe and claw 36 mm; forehead white scalloped with black; crown and nape blackish; base of bill and cheeks white; upper back dark grey to grey; wings mostly blackish, primaries with white wedge at base of inner web, secondaries mostly grey with white inner web; rump blackish grey; central tail feathers mostly dark grey tinged blackish at tip and with white at base on inner web, outer feathers (except outermost) grey with white increasing on inner web, outermost feather with grey outer web and white inner web peppered with grey near tip; underparts white except for patch of dark grey on side of breast; underwing white with blackish tips to flight feathers and dark leading edge of wing angling in at carpal joint to form a blackish carpal bar.

In Australian waters Gould's petrel breeds only on Cabbage Tree island off Port Stephens, New South Wales. it is a summer breeder, the birds returning to the island in October, egg laying begins in November and the adults and young leave in March/April (Marchant and Higgins 1990, *Handbook of Australian, New Zealand and Antarctic Birds*). The birds are absent from the breeding site from May to October and their movements away from the breeding ground are largely unknown. Beach washed birds have been found in Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland.

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